



Rotary Foundation Month

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RI PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reach Out to Africa

I was a Rotary Scholar at the University of Cape Town in 1961. During my year there, I traveled 16,000 miles through South Africa and the countries now known as Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Namibia. I visited 35 Rotary clubs, met countless Rotarians, and became immersed in the rich culture of Southern Africa.

During my initial visit, I developed a deep appreciation for both the traditions and the challenges of life in Africa, and my respect and admiration for the land and people have caused me to return several times as a Rotarian. Now – almost amazingly – I have a unique opportunity to use my experience as a Rotary Scholar to enhance the role of Rotary in Africa!

This is the fourth year of the Reach Out to Africa (ROTA) initiative, and the ROTA Committee for this year has been streamlined to move more quickly and efficiently to achieve its goals. We need to increase the number of Rotarians in Africa! I also hope to see a substantial increase in international service projects for Africa, particularly those projects with assistance from The Rotary Foundation. The ROTA Committee has an excellent website, and I encourage all Rotarians to review it at www.reachouttoafrika.org.

I have implemented two new activities this year to make it easier for Rotarians to visit Africa and to increase their involvement in international service projects. The first is Ray's Rotary Reunions, to be held in Cape Town 3-5 February, and I hope many Rotarians will join me in the Fairest Cape for that event. The second, Rotary Project Safaris, will facilitate visits by Rotarians to the areas of the world where poverty is prevalent, and where local Rotarians have developed many beneficial projects that need financial assistance. More information about the reunions and the safaris is available on the RI president's pages at www.rotary.org/president. Please contact elsa.sanabria@rotary.org for any needed assistance.

I am proud to be a product of The Rotary Foundation, and it will be the most significant achievement of my presidency if I can serve as a catalyst to enhance Rotary in Africa! So come join me for the reunions and the safaris. Help me to complete the circle from being a Rotary Foundation Scholar in Africa to helping Rotary in Africa to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder! ([Watch a video](#) invitation from the president.)

RI President
Ray Klinginsmith



The Four Way Flasher

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TODAY: Marc Alexander, RCMP - New BC Liquor Laws

NEXT WEEK: Bill Robson - Foundation Program

INVOCATION

Nov. 2	Matt de Bruyn	Nov. 9	Ross Dunning
Nov. 16	Kelly Fry	Nov. 23	Doris Gagel

CALENDAR OF CLUB AND DISTRICT 5050 EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Nov. 23	noon	DG Wayne Wiebe's Official Visit	
Dec. 14		AGM & election of 2011/12 Executive	

50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$98.00 + 1/2 of today's sales, 50 cards left, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

Jim Coulter introduced our guests, John Becker, our Exchange Student Ines, Ron Kyle, Zuleka Bharwani, Warren Dale and Irena Shantz.

Presidents Report – Lynda Lawrence

Brett Paskar – **Community Service** – introduced his committee. Gave us his mandate. Gave us a list of those community events and clubs that received support.

Ineke Boekhorst – **Club Service** – responsible to socials ie: Firesides, fun stuff. She introduced her committee. Big Feast catered tonight and Ineke encouraged us all to support Mike. Christmas party is currently being planned. Money in lieu of presents. Christmas parade is Dec 4th – looking for people to push the shopping carts. Christmas train December 17th.

Marco Terwiel gave David Riddell's report on **International Service**.

GSE is currently looking for participants. Looking for clubs to host an incoming GSE from Korea and also looking for interested folks. The following year is Germany. Looking for Team Leaders who must be Rotarians.

Shelterbox is on hold indefinitely.

Youth Exchange – hasn't heard anything from Sandra yet. Haney Club has suggested they might want to share this with us. Lynda asked who might be interested in continuing with the Student Exchange Program. Lynda suggested Adrienne pass along her experience with the exchange program to David. International Projects – Marco is searching out possible projects. Polio – continuing to support the project. Scholars – nothing new to support.

Laurie Anderson – **Rotary Foundation** – Pushing every Rotarian every year. We should have reached the goal Lynda has set at the beginning of the year. Laurie will do codicils if anyone wants to leave money in their Will.

Matt DeBruyn – **Vocational Service** – Kevin, Ineke, Mary, Marco, Ross & Mariella. Ross will take over next July. 4 Way Test is still being presented in the local Elementary Schools. New members have joined. Matt will help out with the tests in the schools. 181 kids have experienced this program. Scholarships / Bursaries 8 each are worth \$1500.00. A new requirement is, that an essay has to be written. All high schools in the district are now eligible. Matt will be back on March 18th.

Mary Robson – **New Generations**. Interact and Rotaract will not be part of the focus this year, rather YAIL and RYLA will. Sean Hogan will be spearheading this year. Committee is Dave Rempel, Mary and Kevin. Developing an Esteem program – taking this to the district student advisory council.

Advertising and PR – 6 editions in the News and all advertising has been sold. Education piece in each edition about Rotary.

Brian Bekar – **Membership** – Bob Shantz, Peter Tam and Marco Terwiel are currently on committee. Presently one to be installed Deb Tucker. Wende Dawes & Jan Dale have approached us to be reinstalled. Brian thinks we may have one or two more. Lynda expressed to us the importance of mentoring. Marco suggested ways of mentoring to us.

Walter Volpatti – **Treasurer** – Sports Banquet netted about \$28T. We have now been cut off from Gaming. We are doing too well. Gaming looks at the financial health of the club and we have too much money. We received \$2,563 because the slots have been put in the Bingo Hall.

Sports Banquet – Gordy thanked the Committee. Shared the comments that he had received.

Sports Banquet committee gave a Paul Harris to Fred Armstrong.

Canoe Club appears to have lost their momentum. The Hammond Stadium group lost their momentum as well. The Committee has been meeting and will be back to the Club with a decision to disburse all of the funds. Samuel Robertson may need a clock, the MRSS Track may need upgrading. Perhaps a larger project ie: stadium – payments over time.

Matt suggested Marco place information in one of the ads about SB next year. Should we come up with some new ideas – change it up a bit? Matt is chairing next year.

BMX will be getting \$5000 for each track. Loon Lake project has been paid out - \$10T. To date over \$350T has been spent and we currently hold \$140T in the account.

Wine Festival – April 2011. Laura has called a meeting in the next two weeks.

Duck Committee – Gordy – Still deciding on the criteria for the funds and where they will be going. Because we've included the other club, is this a partnership and if so whose account – some of the smaller details are being ironed out. North Vancouver has 10,000 ducks we can borrow. Each club has put up \$5,000.

New Business:

Marco and Lynda cleaned out the locker from Don Cherry's – they found the loyalty cards from Husky that Anil had donated. Anil passed them around.

Sports Banquet date and Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation dates are too close together. Suggested the social fall calendar be given a look at to possibly spread the dates out rather than having them jammed within a week of each other.

Minutes submitted by Terry Becker

We all give a big Thanks to John and Terry Becker, who hosted this Fire Side.



THANK YOU